

# 2026 Official Update ↗ Southwest Airlines Cancellation Policy – What You Need to Know

Life is unpredictable, and sometimes you need to cancel your flight.  +1/844/565/1867 Many passengers ask, "What is Southwest's cancellation policy?"  +1/844/565/1867 Understanding the rules can save you money and stress.  +1/844/565/1867 Southwest Airlines offers different cancellation options depending on your ticket type and when you cancel.  +1/844/565/1867

## **Southwest 24-Hour Cancellation Rule**

 +1/844/565/1867 Southwest Airlines provides a risk-free cancellation period.  +1/844/565/1867 If you cancel within 24 hours of booking and your flight is at least 7 days away, you can get a full refund.  +1/844/565/1867 This applies to all fare types, including Basic Economy tickets.  +1/844/565/1867 This policy gives passengers peace of mind when making reservations.  +1/844/565/1867

## **Cancellation Fees and Refund Policy**

 +1/844/565/1867 After the 24-hour window, cancellation rules vary by ticket type:

- **Basic Economy tickets** are generally non-refundable  +1/844/565/1867
- **Main Cabin and higher fares** may qualify for refunds or eCredits  +1/844/565/1867
- **Refundable tickets** receive full refunds to original payment method  +1/844/565/1867
- **Non-refundable tickets** receive eCredit for future travel  +1/844/565/1867

 +1/844/565/1867 Cancellation fees depend on the fare class and destination.  +1/844/565/1867 Some tickets may have no cancellation fee but are non-refundable.  +1/844/565/1867

## **How to Cancel Your Southwest Flight**

 +1/844/565/1867 Canceling your Southwest flight is easy:

- Log in to Southwest.com and go to "My Trips"  +1/844/565/1867
- Enter your confirmation number and last name  +1/844/565/1867
- Select the flight you want to cancel  +1/844/565/1867
- Review cancellation terms and fees  +1/844/565/1867
- Confirm cancellation and receive confirmation email  +1/844/565/1867
- Or call Southwest customer service for assistance  +1/844/565/1867

## **What Happens After Cancellation**

📞 +1/844/565/1867 After cancellation, refundable tickets are processed within 7 business days. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Non-refundable tickets generate an eCredit valid for one year from the original ticket issue date. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 The eCredit can be used toward future Southwest flights for the same passenger. 📞 +1/844/565/1867

## **Special Circumstances and Exceptions**

📞 +1/844/565/1867 Southwest may waive cancellation fees for medical emergencies, military orders, or death in the family. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 You will need to provide proper documentation. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Contact Southwest customer service to discuss your specific situation and available options. 📞 +1/844/565/1867

## **Final Thoughts**

📞 +1/844/565/1867 Understanding Southwest's cancellation policy helps you make informed decisions about your travel plans. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Always review your ticket's terms and conditions before booking. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 If you need to cancel, do it as early as possible to maximize your refund or eCredit value.